## How to Attend a Town Hall Meeting



What is something in your local community that you believe should be changed? What are some concerns you want to make your Congress person aware of? Once you have identified these passions you are well on your way to attending your first town hall!

To find when and where
your next Town Hall
meeting is, you can use this
website:

https://townhallproject.com

## **Prepare Your Questions**

You may only receive one chance to speak, so it is good to come prepared with questions. Doing some additional research on what you wish to discuss will give you more contextual knowledge about the issue, and can help influence your Congress person to provide a deeper, more detailed response.

## Town Hall Etiquette

- Be polite. Your questions will be better received if you are empathetic and polite to your Congress person.
- Ask questions that demand an action. For example, ask "How are you going to respond to (insert issue here)?" This forces your Congress person to give a more complete answer.
- If you are asking about a specific piece of legislation, try to provide a quick explanation of that legislation. Your Congress person may not be familiar with that particular bill or law.

## Show up! (And don't leave early)

- Don't leave early! Town Halls are a great opportunity to network with your fellow community members. Strike up conversation and strengthen your community ties.
- You may have the chance to speak with your representative immediately after the Town Hall. If you want to speak more about your issue, it is a great opportunity to do so.
- Have fun and take take pride knowing that you have meaningfully contributed to the Democratic system.